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1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO BAGHDAD REFTEL WE NOTED FEB 26 BAGHDAD OBSERVER RAN ARTICLE DATED CAIRO ENTITLED "BAHA'ISM BANNED IN ARAB HOMELAND". ARTICLE STATED INTER ALIA THAT ISRAELI BOYCOTT CONFERENCE RESOLVED TO BAN BAHA'ISM IN ARAB HOMELAND AND PROHIBIT ALL FORMS OF ACTIVITIES BY THIS MOVEMENT. COMMISSIONER GENERAL MAHJOUB QUOTED AS SAYING "IT HAS BEEN PROVED THAT ZIONISM HAS BEEN EMPLOYING BAHA'ISM AS A FRONT FOR DISSEMINATING FABRICATIONS ON ZIONIST CLAIMS ON THE ARAB LAND OF PALESTINE. IT HAS ALSO BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT BAHA'ISM CENTERS AROUND THE WORLD HAVE BEEN SUPPLYING LARGE FUNDS TO ZIONISTS".

2. ARTICLE CLOSED WITH STATEMENT BY MAHJOUB THAT "THE BAN ON BAHA'ISM EXTENDED TO CLOSING EXISTING BAHAI LODGES AND PUNISHING ANYONE PREACHING ITS IDEAS."
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